



Major General Jimmie Jay Wells

Chief of Staff U.S. Army Forces Command



Major General Jimmie Jay Wells became the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Forces Command, at Fort Bragg, N.C., in June 2014. The Forces Command mission is to provide trained and ready conventional land power to combatant commanders worldwide in defense of the nation at home and abroad -- including 265,000 active-component Soldiers; training and readiness oversight of 560,000 Soldiers of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve; and 3,500 civilian staff members.

Prior to arriving at Forces Command, Maj. Gen. Wells was assigned as commanding general of the 75th Training Command, Houston, Texas, from July 2011 to June 2014. Prior to this, he served as Commander, Civil Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Deputy Commanding General, 21st Theater Sustainment Command. Maj. Gen. Wells previously served as the Commanding General of the 1st Battle Command Training Brigade, 75th Mission Command Training Division.

Maj. Gen. Wells graduated with honors and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga., in 1981. He graduated with honors from the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif., in 1982. His military education includes: the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advance courses; Korean Ranger Course; Infantry, and Ordnance Qualification courses; U.S. Air Force Load Planners Course, Jungle Warfare Course–Panama (twice), Basic Airborne Course and the 82nd Airborne Division Jumpmaster Course. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Associate Logistics Executive Development Course, CAPSTONE Flag Officer Course, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Operations Warfighter Course; Combined/Joint Force Land Component Commander Course; and the United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Course, Pretoria, South Africa.

He earned a Masters of Business Administration from Golden Gate University–San Francisco in 1986 and a Masters of Strategic Studies at the Army War College in 2005.

As an Army first lieutenant, he served as a team leader for a nuclear support team and as the Operations and Intelligence Officer of the Weapons Support Detachment–Korea in 1982-83. He then became a fire support officer for the 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery participating in Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada, in 1983. In 1988, he joined the 108th Division and served as an infantry company commander. In 1992, he joined the 90th Regional Support Command in the Office of the Deputy Commander–Operations. He then became the maintenance operations officer and later executive officer of 694th Maintenance Battalion for three years. He left that position to become the first commander of the 363rd Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum) in 2000. In 2003, he took command of the 694th Maintenance Battalion. He was subsequently selected as the intelligence and operations officer and later as the support operations officer for the 172nd Corps Support Group at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq. In his third combat tour, he was deputy for operations at the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. In October 2005, while still in Iraq, he was selected to command the newly formed 208th Regional Support Group and served a total of 22 months in theater.

Major General Wells' military awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Combat Action Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

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